

Keynote Speaker Dr. Paul



Since he was ten years old, "Dr. Paul" has presented disability awareness and character education programs at many schools and colleges around the country.

He enjoys sharing with students his own day-to-day experiences with humor, with two objectives in mind. First, Paul wants to help others become truly excited about themselves and what they can do with the right attitude and desire! Second, he frames the program around the positive perspectives and realities of growing up with cerebral palsy and an associated hearing impairment, helping students to bridge the gap that always seems to separate the word, "normal," from "disabled."

To achieve these two goals, Dr. Paul shares the experiences within his own life that have allowed him to reach a simple dream he had many years ago -- to be able to walk. These programs challenge the common perceptions and stereotypes that are so often applied to people with disabilities. The experiences he shares are funny and insightful and help to emphasize that one's capabilities should always overshadow their disabilities. There is also no better feeling in the world than to make students smile and feel good about themselves, because they then may develop the motivation to overcome their own challenges to realize the goals and dreams that they have!

Thirty years later, Dr. Paul has since delivered over 5000 motivational programs to hundreds of thousands of children and teens, parents, teachers, and school administrators. He has captivated high-school students at peer leadership conferences, motivated thousands of athletes and coaches at the Special Olympics, and inspired government representatives at the United Nations. He is also a meteorologist and earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Dr. Paul is a member of A Vision in Motion (www.avisioninmotion.com)

A Vision in Motion is a unique motivational speakers bureau that has united some of the world's most courageous and energetic presenters who have overcome tremendous personal adversities and now inspire and positively influence the lives of others.



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10th Annual Nebraska Youth First Conference

*Taking a Step
Toward My
Future . . .*



*Youth First
Conference*

April 20, 2015

**UNK
Kearney, Nebraska**



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Students with developmental disabilities who are between the ages of 14-21 are invited to participate in the NE Youth First Conference.

DATE:

April 20, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION:

University of NE at Kearney
Nebraskan Student Union
Ponderosa Room
Kearney, Nebraska

REGISTRATION:

Registration fees, lunch costs and conference are provided through a grant.

**However – Registrations
are due by March 20, 2015.**

Please register each person attending.



Event Schedule

Student Sessions

- Let's Get Moving (UNK)
- Nebraska Youth Leadership Council
Self Advocacy
- Putting the "AT" back into RecreATion

Teacher Sessions

- Dr. Paul
- Community Work Incentives
- Adult Self-advocates

Students will receive
certificates for documentation of
transition activities for their IEPs.

Teachers will receive professional
development certificates.

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Online Registration

<http://esu11.info/youthfirst>

or

Direct link located at
esu11.org under

"Latest ESU #11 News"

or

"Departments-Special Education"

Reminder:

- Complete by March 20, 2015
- Each person attending needs to fill out the online registration form.

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